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Applicant argues that only minor amendments were made to claim 3 in rewriting it in independent form for clarity. However, claim 3 was amended to specifically cite the fabric was either woven or knitted. This new limitation rendered the claim outside of the scope of U.S. Patent No. 5,126,201 to Shiba et al., and therefore, the use of new references in rejecting claim 3 was appropriate. Finality is not withdrawn.

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